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SUBJ : EDX PARTIAL IV GRANTS FOR PETROLEUM OFFICIALS

1. ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES O. LOLOMARI ASKED EMBASSY WHETHER USG COULD ARRANGE SHORT- TERM PROGRAM FOR J. A. I. IRO, HEAD OF PORT HARCOURT OFFICE OF DEPT. PETROLEUM RESOURCES AND MR. NKANGA OF NIGERIAN NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION. BOTH OFFICIALS ARE PETROLEUM ENGINEERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED BY OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP. FOR TRAINING COURSE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS TO BE FOLLOWED BY ORIENTATION VISIT TO OXY AND OTHER PETROLEUM FACILITIES IN CALIFORNIA. LOLOMARI HOPED THAT WE COULD ARRANGE FOR SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM FOR IRO AND NKANGA TO COVER OTHER US PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN OIL OR GAS SECTOR WHICH THEY WILL NOT HAVE CHANCE TO SEE UNDER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY OXY.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS PRESENTS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO FMG' S DESIRE TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF ITS PERSONNEL OF US PETROLEUM PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGY. HENCE WE NOMINATE IRO AND NKANGA FOR PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL VISITORS' GRANTS COVERING ONLY DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IN US FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS EACH. EMBASSY WILL POUCH BIO DATA FORMS AND WILL TELEGRAPH SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE PROGRAM AFTER CONSULTATION WITH TWO NOMINEES.
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